

how to: be rich

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Richly Good

1 TIMOTHY 6:18 (P. 831)

Week of September 30, 2012 • Message 3

Review

- We don't feel rich because we have no contentment.
- I am rich because God has blessed me.
- I will not trust in my riches but in the One who richly provides.

Respond to this statement: My wealth is the result of a choice God made because of his purpose for me and his purpose for that wealth.

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Why do rich people need a special reminder to do good? Doesn't God want everyone to do good?

Share where you are on the line:

My motives are usually aimed at...

doing good

gaining wealth

Consider what Paul says to the rich about doing good deeds. What does it mean to be rich in good deeds? Are some "good deeds" uniquely suited to rich people?

On Sunday, I claimed that rich people live not by needs and limits, but on the presupposition of abundance. What does that look like when applied to doing good?

What does "be generous" look like in our society today?

What does "willingness to share" look like in our society today?

Take it home

On Sunday, I suggested three words to apply this teaching to our lives:

Tithing

Being rich in good deeds begins with a commitment to percentage-based giving.

Offering

Generosity is willing to meet needs not from coercion but from an eagerness to help.

Hospitality

No sharing is as fundamental to adults as the sharing of our homes.

How well are you living out these three words?

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